

## DECLARATION

As a below-named inventor, I(we) hereby declare that:

### TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

- 9 original
- 9 design
- 9 supplemental
- ☒ national stage of PCT
- 9 divisional
- 9 continuation
- 9 continuation-in-part (CIP)

### INVENTORSHIP DECLARATION

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SEPARATION OF FLUID MIXTURES BY USING MEMBRANIZED SORPTION BODIES

the specification of which:

- a) 9 is being filed concurrently herewith.
- b) 9 was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and assigned Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) ☒ was filed as PCT International Application No. PCT/EP02/06649 filed on 17 June 2002 and amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

- 9 In compliance with this duty there is attached an Information Disclosure Statement. 37 CFR 1.97.

### PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international applications(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT

international applications(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me having the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119
DE	201 10 292.7	21 June 2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application identified below.

U.S. APPLICATIONS	
APPLICATION NUMBER	U.S. FILING DATE
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#### CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States applications(s) or PCT international applications(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below.

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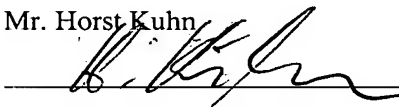
  

PCT APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S.	
PCT APPLICATION NO.	PCT FILING DATE
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Kuhn, Steffen
Application No.:	Not Assigned
Filed:	Not Assigned
For:	A Device For Thickening or Dehydrating Sludges, Sediments from Waters or the like, Particularly excess sludges in Sewage Treatment Plants.
Examiner:	
Group Art Unit:	Not Assigned

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Docket No.: H01.1B-11410-US01

POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM ASSIGNEE

Kuhn Umweltprodukte GmbH

(Name of Company)

as assignee of the entire interest of the above identified patent application, hereby appoints all practitioners of **Customer No. 490** to insert the docket no., filing date and application number of said application above when known; to prosecute this application and any application claiming priority therefrom; to execute any terminal disclaimers on behalf of assignee; and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and I hereby authorize them to act and rely on instructions from, and to communicate directly with, the firm or person which sent this case to VIDAS, ARRETT & STEINKRAUS unless or until I instruct VIDAS, ARRETT & STEINKRAUS in writing to the contrary.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2004.

(Name of Company)

Kuhn Umweltprodukte GmbH

(Signature)

By:

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Its: Managing Director

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>In re Application of:</b>	<b>Kuhn, Steffen</b>
<b>Application No.:</b>	<b>10/528169</b>
<b>Filed:</b>	<b>December 18, 2003</b>
<b>For:</b>	<b>A Device For Thickening or Dehydrating Sludges, Sediments from Waters or the like, Particularly excess sludges in Sewage Treatment Plants.</b>
<b>Group Art Unit:</b>	<b>Not Assigned</b>

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## ASSIGNEE'S STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP 37 CFR 3.73(B)

Kuhn Umweltprodukte GmbH, a German corporation, is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of:

- A.        ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. A photocopy of the Assignment is enclosed. The original Assignment will be faxed to Assignment Branch for recording.

The undersigned is empowered to sign this statement of ownership certificate on behalf of the assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

VIDAS, ARRETT & STEINKRAUS

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I(we)

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have invented an invention for:

**A Device For Thickening or Dehydrating Sludges, Sediments from Waters or the like, Particularly excess sludges in Sewage Treatment Plants.**

disclosed in my (our) application for United States Letter Patent filed:

☒ concurrently herewith  
☐ on \_\_\_\_\_ and assigned Serial No. 10/528169; and

I (we) hereby authorize and request any attorney of Vidas, Arrett & Steinkraus, P.A., Suite 2000, 6109 Blue Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343-9185, to insert the filing date and application number of said application above when known.

WHEREAS, **Kuhn Umweltprodukte GmbH** ("Assignee"), a corporation having its principal place of business at:

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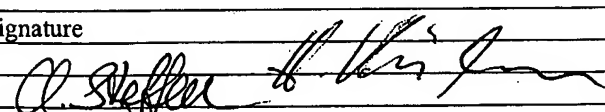
is desirous of acquiring the

- ☒ entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention, to said application for any and all countries, to any and all Letters Patent, and to any and all Design Letters Patent of any and all countries which may be granted thereon;
- ☐ entire right, title and interest in the US application described above;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, I(we) hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto Assignee, its successors, and assigns, the

- ☒ entire right, title and interest, legal and equitable, in and to said invention, to said application for any and all countries, to any and all Letters Patent, and to any and all Design Letters Patent of any and all countries which may be granted thereon;
- ☐ the entire right, title and interest, legal and equitable, in and to said application and all United States Letters Patent and Design Letters Patent which may be granted thereon;

and the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue all Letters Patent and all Design Letters Patent which may be granted to said invention to Assignee.

Date	Inventor Name(s)	Signature
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